

5 What is claimed is:

1. In a network compatible system for displaying medical information derived from a plurality of sources, apparatus comprising:

10 a communication processor for acquiring medical parameters associated with a patient including patient laboratory results;

a collation processor for collating acquired medical parameters for storage in a database; and

15 a device for searching said database of acquired medical parameters to find specific laboratory test results based on one or more of (a) a text string identifying a portion of a lab test name, (b) a patient identifier, and (c) a date, for display in a desired order.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein said network is at least one of an internet or intra-net compatible network.

20 3. The system of claim 1, wherein said collation processor orders said acquired patient laboratory results by criteria including at least one of (a) test type, (b) date, and (c) patient.

25 4. The system of claim 1, wherein said searching is based on additional criteria including at least one of (a) patient name, (b) caregiver identifier, (c) text identifying a diagnosis, and (d) text identifying a procedure.

30 5. The system of claim 1, wherein said communications processor acquires said test results from said plurality of sources using network protocols including one or more of (a) ASTM and (b) HL7.

35 6. The system of claim 1, wherein said communication processor continuously acquires said results from one or more of (a) a hospital intranet, and (b) a patient monitoring system.

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7. The system of claim 1, wherein said system acquires and displays other information together with said test results in a composite display window, said other information including one or more of ventilator status, (b) diagnosis information, (c) care unit identifier, (d) procedure, (e) caregiver indicator, and (f) laboratory test results indicator.

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8. The system of claim 1, further comprising a menu generator for generating a window for displaying said specific test results.

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9. The system of claim 8, wherein said menu generator comprises an internet browser.

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10. The system of claim 1, wherein said collation processor allocates an attribute for distinguishing unreviewed test results.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein said attribute is a predetermined color.

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12. The system of claim 1, wherein said collation processor allocates an attribute for identifying test results that are outside a predetermined range level.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein said attribute is a predetermined color.

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14. An internet compatible method for displaying medical information derived from a plurality of sources, comprising steps of:

acquiring medical parameters associated with a patient including patient laboratory results;

5 collating said acquired medical parameters for storage in a database;
and

 searching said database of acquired medical parameters to find specific
laboratory test results based on one or more of (a) a text string identifying a portion of
a lab test name, (b) a patient identifier, and (c) a date, for display in a desired order.

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15. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of
generating a window for displaying said laboratory test results.

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16. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of allocating
an attribute for distinguishing unreviewed test results.

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17. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of allocating
an attribute for identifying test results that are outside a
predetermined range level.